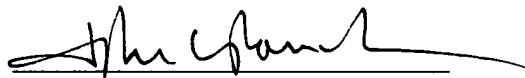


REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, 2 sheets of formal drawings are submitted for inclusion with the application. These sheets replace the sheets of informal drawings filed with the application. No new matter is added by these amendments.

With this response, the application is believed to be in condition for early action on the merits. Should the examiner deem a telephone conference to be of assistance in advancing the application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

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